

I am writing to urge you to take action to strengthen the corporate media ownership rules, to reinstate the fairness doctrine and to upgrade the license renewal process so that it is more than simply a returned postcard.

Recently, Pappas Telecasting Companies' 'donation' of \$325,000 in airtime to Republican candidates in certain areas provided yet another example of a powerful media group abusing its privileged access to the public airwaves.

The Pappas move is clearly not serving the public interest. Its corporate headquarters has provided one side in local elections a louder voice than others. Pappas has offered that the opposition can "purchase" an equal amount of response time. This abuse is clearly an unintended consequence of weak media ownership rules and the demise of the fairness doctrine.

Pappas' actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Further, they show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than just a returned postcard.

Thank you.